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In re Application of:

PARKER et al.

For: WHEEL BALANCER USING
CONTROLLED LOAD ROLLER
FORCE VARIATION

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b) and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to this document and the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents included therein be considered and that a copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

In accordance with C.F.R. § 1.98 (3) a concise explanation of the relevance of those references not in the English language, as it is presently understood, follows:

DE 3908866 A1 to Dynabal Corp. is of particular relevance to the claimed invention as a whole because it describes a very similar wheel balancer. Specifically, a wheel balancing machine that measures loaded wheel runout is described. A translation of claims 1-8 is included herein.

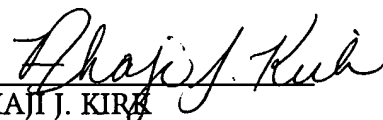
DE 4115726 A1 to FMC Corp. is of particular relevance to the claimed invention as a whole because it describes a very similar wheel balancer. Specifically, a method for obtaining a wheel assembly runout and balance is described using a wheel balancing machine that

measures the loaded runout and unbalance of the wheel rim and the tire mounted thereon. A translation of claims 1 and 9 is included herein.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in St. Louis, MO by telephone at (314) 552-6123 or by facsimile at (314) 552-7123. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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